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SUBJ: JORDANIAN REPORT OF SADAT STATEMENT ON PALESTINIAN RE-
PRESENTATION AND TRIPARTIE MEETING

1. GOVERNMENT SPONSORED DAILY AR RAYY AUGUST 28 REPORTED
FOLLOWING CAIRO AFP DATELINE STORY UNDER FRONT PAGE HEADLINE:
"SADAT ASSERTS: PLO IS NOT THE ONLY REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINE".

2. "PRESIDENT SADAT SAID IN A MEETING HE AGREED WITH KING HUSSEIN
DURING THEIR RECENT ALEXANDRIA MEETING THAT THE PLO IS THE
LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIANS BUT IT IS NOT THE
SOLE REPRESENTATIVE. THE PRESIDENT STRESSED THAT THIS SUBJECT
MUST BE SETTLED PRIOR TO THE GENEVA CONVERSATIONS AS THE CON-
TINUATION OF DIFFERENCES WILL OFFER ISRAEL THE OPPORTUNITY
OF TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THIS DISPUTE".

3. ARTICLE CONTINUES "THIS STATEMENT COMES AT A TIME
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WHEN EGYPT ISSUED INVITATIONS TO EACH OF SYRIA AND THE PLO

TO ATTEND A TRIPARTITE MEETING IN CAIRO AS SPEEDILY AS POSSIBLE".

4. COMMENT: GOJ IS OBVIOUSLY CONTINUING TO KEEP PUBLIC SPOTLIGHT ON CONTINUED APPLICABILITY OF ALEXANDRIA COMMUNIQUE REGARDING JORDANIAN ROLE IN SPEAKING FOR PALESTINIANS WITHIN JORDAN, DESPITE GOE EQUIVOCATIONS ON SUBJECT.

5. CONTRARY TO IMPLICATION OF PARA 2 AND OF AUGUST 25 CAIRO PRESS REPORTED CAIRO 6508, SENIOR GOJ OFFICIALS HAVE INFORMED US THAT JORDAN HAS NOT REPEAT NOT AGREED TO ATTEND A QUADRI-ARTITE MEETING IF IT IS PRECEDED BY A FORMAL SYRIAN, EGYPTIAN, PLO MEETING EXCLUDING JORDAN. HOWEVER, IF OTHER PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE, JORDAN WOULD ATTEND IF SUBSTANTIVE CONCLUSIONS OF TRIPARTITE MEETING WARRANTED FROM ITS POINT OF VIEW. PICKERING

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